

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) An information processing device for displaying an electronic programming guide, comprising:

a display controller; and

a display being operable to have displayed thereon~~provide~~ in response to a control signal from said display controller a cursor and representations of programs for a plurality of channels having a plural number of past programs each of whose broadcast time is prior to a present time, a plural number of present programs each of whose broadcast time contains said present time, and a plural number of future programs each of whose broadcast time is subsequent to said present time, said representation of each of said plural number of past programs currently in the display being in a first color, said representation of each of said plural number of present programs currently in the display being in a second color different from said first color, and said representation of each of said plural number of future programs currently in the display being in a third color different from said first and second colors,

in which the cursor is movable to a representation of a desired program, and

in which the representations of the programs are displayable on a first portion of the display and in which information of a respective program at which the cursor is located is displayable on a second portion of the display which is different from the first portion.

2. (currently amended) The information processing device as claimed in claim 1, ~~said display~~ further includes means for enabling a user to select a representation of a program

~~selected by a user, and in which a respective said~~
representation of said selected program ~~being displayed is~~
displayable in a fourth color different from said first, second
and third colors.

3. (currently amended) The information processing device as claimed in claim 2, ~~further comprising a cursor, in~~
which the enabling means enables the user to place said cursor
~~being located on said~~ respective representation of said selected
program ~~selected by the user.~~

4. (original) The information processing device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said first, second and third colors are set according to the user's favorite colors.

5. (original) The information processing device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said display always includes a latest electronic program guide containing said present time.

6. (currently amended) A method for controlling the display of an electronic program guide representing programs for a plurality of channels, comprising:

displaying on a current display screen in a first color a representation of each of a plural number of past programs of the plurality of channels whose broadcast time is prior to a present time;

displaying on the current display screen in a second color different from said first color a representation of each of a plural number of present programs of the plurality of channels whose broadcast time contains said present time;

displaying on the current display screen in a third color a representation of each of a plural number of future programs of the plurality of channels whose broadcast time is

subsequent to said present time, said third color being different from said first and second colors; and

displaying a cursor on a representation of a desired program on the current display screen,

in which the representations of the past, present, and future programs are displayable on a first portion of the display screen and in which information of a respective program at which the cursor is located is displayable on a second portion of the display screen which is different from the first portion.

7. (original) The method as claimed in claim 6, further comprising:

selecting a program; and

displaying in a fourth color a representation of said selected program, said fourth color being different from said first, second and third colors.

8. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 7, wherein said selecting step includes locating thea cursor on said representation of said selected program.

9. (original) The method as claimed in claim 6, wherein said first, second and third colors are set according to a user's favorite colors.

10. (original) The method as claimed in claim 6, wherein said displaying steps display said electronic program guide so that a latest electronic program guide containing said present time is displayed at all times.

11. (currently amended) A recording medium recorded with a computer-readable program for controlling the display of

an electronic program guide representing programs for a plurality of channels, the program comprising:

displaying on a current display screen in a first color a representation of each of a plural number of past programs of the plurality of channels whose broadcast time is prior to a present time;

displaying on a current display screen in a second color different from said first color a representation of each of a plural number of present programs of the plurality of channels whose broadcast time contains said present time; and

displaying on a current display screen in a third color a representation of each of a plural number of future programs of the plurality of channels whose broadcast time is subsequent to said present time, said third color being different from said first and second colors; and

displaying a cursor on a representation of a desired program on the current display screen,

in which the representations of the past, present, and future programs are displayable on a first portion of the display screen and in which information of a respective program at which the cursor is located is displayable on a second portion of the display screen which is different from the first portion.

12. (original) The recording medium as claimed in claim 11, wherein said program further comprises:

selecting a program; and

displaying in a fourth color a representation of said selected program, said fourth color being different from said first, second and third colors.

13. (currently amended) The recording medium as claimed in claim 12, wherein said selecting step includes

locating thea cursor on said representation of said selected program.

14. (original) The recording medium as claimed in claim 11, wherein said first, second and third colors are set according to a user's favorite colors.

15. (original) The recording medium as claimed in claim 11, wherein said displaying steps display said electronic program guide so that a latest electronic program guide containing said present time is displayed at all times.

16. (new) The information processing device as claimed in claim 1, in which the representations of the past, present, and future programs are displayable on the display with respect to time and in which the representations are shifted after a predetermined period of time.

17. (new) The information processing device as claimed in claim 2, further comprising means for displaying a message to the user that the desired program can not be selected when the desired program is a past program.

18. (new) The information processing device as claimed in claim 17, in which the message is displayable only for a predetermined amount of time.

19. (new) The information processing device as claimed in claim 2, further comprising means for displaying a content of the selected program when the selected program is a future program.

20. (new) The information processing device as claimed in claim 2, further comprising means for switching to the selected program when the selected program is a present program.

21. (new) The method as claimed in claim 6, in which the representations of the past, present, and future programs are displayable on the display with respect to time and in which the representations are shifted after a predetermined period of time.

22. (new) The method as claimed in claim 7, further comprising displaying a message to the user that the desired program can not be selected when the desired program is a past program.

23. (new) The method as claimed in claim 22, in which the message is displayable only for a predetermined amount of time.

24. (new) The method as claimed in claim 7, further displaying a content of the selected program when the selected program is a future program.

25. (new) The method as claimed in claim 7, further comprising switching to the selected program when the selected program is a present program.

26. (new) The recording medium as claimed in claim 11, in which the representations of the past, present, and future programs are displayable on the display with respect to time and in which the representations are shifted after a predetermined period of time.

27. (new) The recording medium as claimed in claim 12, further comprising displaying a message to the user that the desired program can not be selected when the desired program is a past program.

28. (new) The recording medium as claimed in claim 27, in which the message is displayable only for a predetermined amount of time.

29. (new) The recording medium as claimed in claim 12, further displaying a content of the selected program when the selected program is a future program.

30. (new) The recording medium as claimed in claim 12, further comprising switching to the selected program when the selected program is a present program.